

MR. P. M. VARGHESE : What is the basis on which the seed bulls are given grants. Is it on the basis of taluk or pakuthi war?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : It is essentially on the quality of the bulls.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE : If there are more than one qualified bull in the same place, are they allowed grants?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : Yes, but limited to the availability of funds.

MR. P. O. THOMAS (*Kunnnatnad cum Parur*) : May I know the annual grant given for a seed bull?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : Rs. 50.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : May I know the amount that was being given before the war?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : The same amount.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum*) : May I know whether these bulls are periodically inspected at the instance of the Agricultural Department?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : Yes, Sir.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : May I know at what interval?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : Once in three months the Veterinary Inspector goes round and inspects these bulls.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara cum Kunnattur*) : May I know whether the bulls in the custody of Government, kept at Trivandrum are made available for other parts of Travancore also?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : The bulls are located in Trivandrum in connection with the Grading up Scheme that is worked in collaboration with the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research. It is not possible to take the bulls kept at Trivandrum to Tiruvalla or other places.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know whether bulls will be made available to other parts of Travancore also according to this scheme?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : That is our aim.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE : It is stated that two bulls are maintained at Venganoor. Is Venganoor a pakuthi or taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : A pakuthi.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : In view to the increase of fodder and other materials, may I know whether the grant of Rs. 50 is sufficient to maintain the bulls?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : The entire scheme of maintenance of bulls will be given a new orientation shortly.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : Has he made any recommendation with regard to stockmen?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : It does not arise, Sir.

Reform of Veterinary Department.

394 *MR. K. R. INARAYANAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether Dr. Millen has submitted to them any report recently for the reform of Veterinary Department in Travancore;

(b) if so, the nature in brief of the report; and

(c) the action taken by them on it?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (a) Yes.

(b) The report contains suggestions for the reorganisation of the Veterinary Branch of the department and for the improvement of livestock in the State.

(c) The proposals are under detailed examination and a lump sum provision of Rs. 90,000 has been made in the budget for 1121 for implementing the suggestions made by Dr. Millen.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: ഡാക്ടർ മില്ലന്റെ റിപ്പോർട്ടിന്റെ സംഗ്രഹം സംഗ്രഹമായി പറയുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is a fairly long report. I can only summarise the salient points.

PRESIDENT: Is it placed on the table of the members?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes Sir, on the Secretary's table.

PRESIDENT: That may be placed on the table of the House.

Agricultural demonstration centres.

395. *MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) how many agricultural demonstration centres are there in the State;

(b) what are the subjects selected for demonstration, i. e., kinds of cultivation chosen for demonstration purposes;

(c) what are the results of the demonstration so far conducted;

(d) which are the places where these demonstrations were and are being conducted;

(e) whether demonstrations with chemical manures have been conducted;

(f) whether the results are encouraging?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (a) Thirtyeight during the current year.

(b) Demonstration of (i) improved methods of cultivating important crops like paddy, co-coconut, bananas etc., by the use of improved implements, better manures, selected seeds etc.

(ii) prevention and control of crop pests.

(iii) introduction of useful ancillary occupations such as poultry farming, bee-keeping etc.

(c) The demonstrations have proved that by adopting scientific methods of cultivation the yield from crops can be considerably increased as compared to what the ryot ordinarily gets.

(d) * A list of the centres in which demonstrations have been conducted during the current year is laid on the table.

(e) and (f) Yes.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (Nominated): സർ, ചങ്ങനാശേരിയിൽ ഒരു ഡമോൺസ്ട്രേഷൻ സെന്റർ ഉള്ളതായി കാണുന്നു. അതു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിൽനിന്നാണോ, അതോ പ്രൈവറ്റ് ഏജൻസി വാങ്ങിയിട്ടാണോ നടത്തുന്നത്?